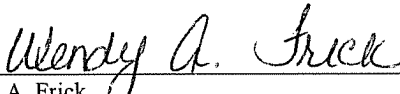


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 11, 2007. The shortened period for response expired September 11, 2007, accordingly Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0172 in the amount of \$60.00 for a one month extension of time. The extended due date for this response therefore is October 11, 2007. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the above-described application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.